

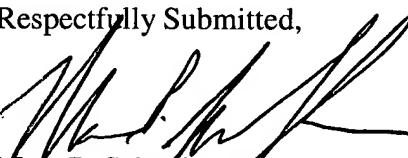
O'con ✓ groups, one said wire being provided with Lewis acid functional groups and the other said wire being provided with Lewis base functional groups.

REMARKS

In connection with the parent application referenced in the header of this paper, there was confusion over which set of claims Applicants elected, with Applicants contending that the wrong set of claims was being examined. Rather than perpetuate this confusion via a file wrapper continuation, Applicants have elected to "clear the air" and pursue each set of claims via separate divisional patent applications.

Applicants note that the last office action in the parent case examined claims 16-30. To put the present application in the same condition as the parent case, Applicants will be filing two preliminary responses. The first response, effected by this paper, is a preliminary amendment made to conform the form present application to the parent. The second response will be made by outside counsel as a substantive response to the most recent office action in the parent case.

Respectfully Submitted,



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